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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Interview with Senator McCarran regarding the [redacted] case

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1. I met this morning with Senator Pat McCarran, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and Committee Counsel J. G. Sourwine, to inform them of the consequences to CIA operations if [redacted] connections with CIA, either as a present or past employee, were to be publicly disclosed. Senator McCarran considered my statement in this connection to be plausible and correct.

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2. Senator McCarran and Mr. Sourwine are of the opinion that they have a sound perjury case against [redacted] They feel that [redacted] suggestions to CIA are "treason." Their feeling is strengthened since questioning [redacted] on 22 June and it is their opinion that their case against [redacted] is even stronger.

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3. In seeking to have the Senator make no use of [redacted] as a witness, McCarran states that we are in effect requesting him and his Committee to suppress a possible perjury case involving a "treasonable action." This he feels places an unfair burden on him. It is his opinion that if the Security of our operations is as important as I have indicated to him it is up to CIA to make representations to State to remove [redacted] from his present position and thus guarantee the Security of our operations, rather than put the burden on the Committee to suppress possible legal action.

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4. Senator McCarran has asked me to convey these views to the Director and states that he will withhold Committee action for a short time pending receipt of some word from us.

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